

# MONROE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting #8

May 6, 2014

6:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### **Roll Call and Call to Order**

Board Members Present: President Robert Yeo, Trustee Aaron N. Mason, Trustee Ryan Philbeck, and Trustee Wendy Spicer

Board Members Absent: Vice President Lawrence VanWasshenova, Secretary June Knabusch-Taylor, Parliamentarian Dr. Tedd March

Administrators Present: Barry Martin, Julie Everly, Ryan McLeod, Jerry Oley

Administrators Absent: Katherine Eighmey, David Payne

President Yeo called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

### **Public Commentary-Agenda Items Only**

There was none at this time.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- April 15, 2014 Board Work Session
- April 15, 2014 Board Meeting #7
- April 17, 2014 Special Board Meeting (2 sets)
- April 30, 2014 Special Board Meeting

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

### **Reports and Update**

The April 14, 2014 Board Curriculum Committee Minutes were received without comment.

### **Board Policies – Final Reading**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Ms. Spicer to adopt Board Policies (Section 5000 – Personnel) as written effective May 6, 2014.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

### **National Student Leadership Conference**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Mason to approve the request for a Monroe High School Upward Bound student to attend the National Student Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. according to the terms of Policy IICA, Field Trips and Excursions.

Discussion: Anthony Quinn, Director of the Upward Bound program, and the student who will attend the conference were present this evening.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

### **Fire Alarm Upgrades at Arborwood South**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Mason to accept the low bid of \$85,900.00 from Geal Electric of

Monroe, Michigan, for the fire alarm upgrades at Arborwood South. This project includes removing the old, outdated fire alarm system and the equipment that no longer has replacement parts. Money for this project will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: There will be a significant balance in the Site Sinking Fund even after these projects are complete. These upgrades address safety issues as well as cost saving measures.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

#### **Masonry Repairs at Monroe High School**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck to accept the low bid of \$116,540.00 from Grunwell-Cashero of Toledo, Ohio, for the masonry repairs at Monroe High School. Money for this project will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

#### **Parking Lot Re-Construction at Monroe High School**

Motion by Mr. Philbeck; support by Mr. Mason to accept the low bid of \$621,500.00 from Best Asphalt of Romulus, Michigan, for the re-construction of the parking lot at Monroe High School. Additional parking lot re-construction is needed in A-wing to C-wing installing nine additional catch basins, and adding an additional 131 parking spaces combined. Money for this project will come from the Site Sinking Fund.

Discussion: There will be one more phase after this portion is complete. The staff lot needs to be redesigned to use the space more efficiently.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

#### **Superintendent Comments**

- Monroe High School held its first-ever Decision Day last Thursday when more than 400 members of the Class of 2014 declared their future intentions for universities, colleges, community colleges, trade schools or the military service. Nearly 90 percent of the kids have developed a post-secondary plan. Matt Gertz, our keynote speaker and former valedictorian, had a wonderful message for the students. The event was video streamed live on YouTube. Prior to the Decision Day event, more than a dozen employers participated in a job fair. Several students had interviews and some were hired on the spot.
- Waterloo School received nearly 400,000 votes in the Waterloo-Bridgestone grant contest which ended April 30. Congratulations and thanks to the Waterloo Staff, especially Principal Lisa McLaughlin, and the Waterloo PTO who worked tirelessly to get people to vote. We expect to be notified by the end of the month if Waterloo was successful.
- Several Monroe Public Schools and ISD staff will be honored next week by the Council for Exceptional Children for their work during the 2013/14 school year. Congratulations to Arborwood Principal Steve Pollzzie, Administrator of the Year; Shelley Cormier and Tim Vinton from our Transportation Department, Non-certified Service Persons of the Year; Lauren Rhoades, ISD teacher at Monroe High School, Special Education Teacher of the year, and the ISD's Kathleen Pete of MHS, Special Education Paraprofessional of the Year.
- The Lake Erie Awareness Partnership of Monroe Public Schools and the Monroe Boat Club will host a two-day Boater's Safety Certification Program on May 17 and 18 at the Monroe Boat Club and the Knabusch Math and Science Center. This workshop is aimed at beginning boaters to give them the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. It includes an introduction to boating, safety equipment, navigation, maintenance, and emergency action.

- Kelsey Starr from Starr Insurance will present a check to Custer School for the purchase of physical education equipment.
- Monroe High School's student council will be honored at the Monroe Rotary Service Above Self Awards dinner this Thursday at MCCC. Shaela Owens, Andrew Notario, Jonathan Voelker and C.J. Frank will attend the dinner representing the student council.
- MHS freshman GiGi Pancone sang the National Anthem at the Toledo Mud Hens game last week.
- Monroe High School's Senior Awards Night will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14. Monroe Middle School's Celebration and Awards Night is set for May 27. The Monroe High School Jazz Band will perform on May 22 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Park to kick off the popular Summer Entertainment in the Park series.
- The Monroe High School baseball team won a doubleheader most recently against Adrian and now has a record of seventeen wins, one loss and one tie, and has won all eight of its SEC games.
- Our elementary girls on the run program has been very successful. Waterloo and Manor girls will get together this Thursday for a mock 5K run.
- School will dismiss one hour early tomorrow.

Mr. Yeo requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the four students we recently lost.

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Mason mentioned the college classes that are being offered at Monroe High School holds great promise for the future. The Monroe County Middle College recently held their graduation and a number of students received their associate's degree along with a high school diploma. With college classes at the high school, we are now able to offer students the same opportunity on the MHS campus.

#### **New Business**

There was no none at this time.

#### **Public Commentary-Any Topic**

Selma Rankins shared an article with Board members. Mr. Rankins complimented a couple of citizens who were helping students learn math at Navarre Branch Library.

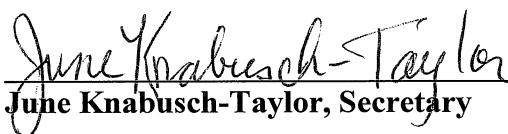
Athletic Director John Ray stated that he has received many positive comments from outsiders in regards to how well our facilities are maintained.

Mr. Philbeck thinks Monroe Public Schools is an exceptional institution.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Mason; support by Mr. Philbeck that the May 6, 2014, Board Meeting #8 of the Monroe Public Schools Board of Education be adjourned.

Vote: Motion carried by a 4-0 hand vote at 6:43 p.m.

  
June Knabusch-Taylor, Secretary